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Western Correctional Institution to Honor Employees' Heroism During Special Ceremony on December 13 at 1 p.m.

30 Dietary employees were also honored last week

TOWSON, MD (December 5, 2007)---Western Correctional Institution will present ribbons for heroism and meritorious service during a special ceremony December 13 at 1p.m. at the prison, on U.S. 220 south in Cresaptown.

Three WCI employees will receive medals for heroism for their lifesaving efforts to revive an inmate with multiple stab wounds; 28 other employees will be honored for their attempts to revive a suicidal inmate, intercept contraband, or assist in the national accreditation effort for WCI.

On September 16, correctional officers Debbie Schroyer, John Rank, and Erie Clark saved the life of an inmate who had been seriously wounded in a stabbing. "These brave officers went above and beyond the call of duty, and in the presence of blood-borne contamination, saved this man's life," said WCI Warden Bobby Shearin.

Eight other correctional employees will receive meritorious service honors for their November 2 effort to revive a suicidal inmate who later died of his self-inflicted injuries. The employees performed CPR on the inmate. These employees are listed below.

Donald Cole
Brad Wilt
Owen Berry

Charlene Trenum, R.N.
Robert Tichnell
Olan Creek

Curran McKenzie
Phillip Fazenbaker

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Ten more employees will be honored for their aid to another inmate who sustained self-inflicted wounds on August 10. These employees are listed below.

Denny Mellott	Owen Berry	Milton Knippenbery
Phillip Fazenbaker	Jeffrey Shimko	Jeffrey Johnson
Bradley Wilt	Jeremy Linaburg	Wade Stott
Robert Huff		

Officer John Ackerson will be honored for his work on November 6, when he intercepted heroin, tobacco, and SIM cards destined for an inmate.

Seven officers who revitalized the package security procedures in an effort to reduce contraband will also be honored. They are listed below.

Bradley Butler	Bryan Warner	Rodney Liken
Donald Helman	Jeffrey McFarland	Robert Tichnell
James Pennington		

Finally, officers Laura Natale and Todd Bensavage will receive recognition for coordinating the Accreditation Office. WCI is one of only two state prisons in Maryland to receive formal accreditation from the American Correctional Association.

Last week, WCI honored 30 dietary officers with Commissioner's Citations for exemplary performance of duties during a multi-day lockdown in July. Those employees are listed below.

Wayne Johnson	Lance Harbaugh	Kerry Manley	Donald Fiorita
Michael Wehs	Thelma Foutz	Heather Pittman	Audie Lee
Hershel Niner	Paul Schuck	Matthew Ritcher	Nellie Lease
Kimberly Bowman	Brian Schrock	Richard Lippold	Peggy Friend
Larry Webb	Jessie McKinley	Sean Harr	Jeremy Yatzy
Jill Kerr	Jeffrey Haggard	Melissa Matrey	Randall Kroll
Debbie Jefferies	Kenneth Fisher	Evelyn Williams	Anthony Muir
LuAnn McKenzie	Terrance Ellsworth		

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